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SWAPMEET

The club end-of-month Swapmeet continues to be successful. The weather is always good and the crowds are big and well behaved. What more can you ask for. This past month (March) our Booth was manned by Bill Rodner (K6AWS), Bob Hume, WB6AQF), and Steve Oneal. These guys dispensed 9 cases of soft drinks, 22 dozen donuts, and many gallons of coffee. I'm told some visitors suggested we start selling hot dogs. If we started this next it would be cotton candy, ice cream, etc. I think we better just hang in there with our present basic refreshment items.

Two of our recently retired members were at the Swapmeet. Herb Gleed, W6FQ, was selling a few of his excess Ham Shack items, and Mac McGrew, K6RL, was buying. Mac purchased a Kenwood TS-700SP in like-new condition.

Thanks to someone for donating several folding lawn chairs for our booth. They will come in handy for our booth operators and for booth visitors who need to sit a spell.

We still need three or four more volunteers to work as operators at our monthly Swapmeet. We currently have 15 club members signed up and need 3 more to set up a schedule requiring a given operator to pull duty only twice per year. (Call me at x51583 to sign up.)

To alleviate the conflict of Field Day and Swapmeet occurring on the same Sat. (June 28), we are moving the Swapmeet back one week to June 21.

See you at the next Swapmeet.

EXISTING CLUB LICENSES

W6TRW

Bill S. WA6EVS

Existing Club, RACES, and Military Recreation Amateur licenses should probably be retained, the Commissioners agreed Wednesday at the Agenda meeting, but no new licenses of these classes should be issued in the future. During their deliberations the Commissioners weighed the alternatives of dropping the freeze on these licenses and accepting applications for new ones (too expensive) as well as doing away with them altogether. With only 611 RACES, 331 Military Recreation, and about 2000 club licenses currently in force, annual cost to the FCC was estimated at only \$1600, not unreasonable for the benefits of continuing them.

TNX HR Report

ANTENNA PARTY

An antenna party was held at the home of Bob Hume, KG6B. The 60 foot tower was moved to its resting place and is now ready to be raised as soon as Bob has found a bolt to secure the gin pole. Those present were Mel, K6GWC, Paul Weisz, Jim Hill, W6IVW, Neal Hudson, N6NW, Bill S., WA6EVS, Bill Rodner, K6AWS, Bill Ivey, WA6QET, Bill Dews, K6AWO, Gary Komatso, K6HPD and Woody Ornellas, AA600.

NEW CALL

A new call heard on 2 Meters, KB6ZF. Not really a new ham but a new call for an old ham. Mike DeHart formally WB6KRU. Other new call heard on 51, was N6CRR, after 6 weeks, Steve O'Neal, finally received his first call and was on the air shortly after mail delivery.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 8, 1980

The Executive Committee meeting of the TRW Amateur Radio Club was called to order on April 8, 1980 at 1200 hours by the Club President, Al Lee, W6KQI. In attendance were Vice-President Gary Komatsu, K6HPD; Treasurer Jim Hill, W6IVW; Activities Manager Dave Gilmore, WB6IDJ; PR Chairman, Bill Rodner; K6AWS; Crosstalk Editor, Mel Erb, K6GWC; Swapmeet Chairman, Bill Schrecengost, WA6EVS; Librarian, Charley Speelman, WA6RUZ; Field Day Chairman, Bob Hume, KG6B, Past-President, Bill Ivey, WA6QET; Membership Chairman, Bill Dews, K6AWO; and Secretary, Woody Ornellas, AA600.

The following were discussed by the committee members:

Al Lee

Reported that the next HAMCON meeting to be held at DWP .

Working on the SEA report.

Requested an Emergency Coordinator Volunteer (someone interested in RACES).

GARY KOMATSU

The speaker for the April meeting isn't known at this time.

Still working on cavitier for repeater.

JIM HILL

Submitted the Treasurer's report.

He noted a bookkeeping change to track the Equipment Fund separately.

BILL SCHRECENGOST

Noted that although the swapmeet attendance is growing, he will not move it unless necessary.

They used 8 of 10 cases of soft drinks last month. He will buy 20 cases for next meet.

WILL MOVE THE SWAPMEET TO THE 3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE, BECAUSE OF THE FIELD DAY CONFLICT.

BOB HUME

Paul Weisz sent letter to Navy asking permission for using Long Beach site for Field Day.

Plans are to operate Class 6A

Needs band captains.

CHARLEY SPEELMAN

Received some of the needed magazines for the club's library.

BILL IVEY

Will attend SEA meeting on Monday (4/14/80)

BILL DEWS

Requested that new members be issued their cards monthly. It was agreed that the Membership Chairman could issue the cards alleviating the workload on the Treasurer.

Motioned that Bill Schrec be reimbursed \$5.00 monthly to offset part of his costs for running the swapmeet. Jim Hill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1250 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Woody Ornellas, AA600
Secretary, TRW/ARC

DEAR ABBY: A second opinion, please or a third, forth or fifth: For the last eight years, George (my husband) has shut himself up in a room with his ham radio from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. He eats in there, too. Never with us. Of course, all the kids are grown, except for our 13 year old son whom George only talks to to yell at. He kicked one of our daughters out at age 16.

George is self-employed, so he works only when he wants to. Our house is in terrible condition, inside and out. My garbage disposal hasn't worked in four years, and my stove is falling apart.

Do you suppose he will ever change? Or am I just kidding myself? We have no friends. Never go anywhere. No social life at all. He screams at the grandchildren, so they don't care if they see him either.

George has a ham radio in his pickup, so if you ride with him all you hear is static on the radio and "Shut up!" from him.

My married kids won't come to our house. If I want to see them, I go to theirs.

We are in our late 40s. I have thought of terminating our marriage, but I have a few medical problems. My 13 year old says you'll advise us right. Please hurry.

Had it in D.C.

This was submitted by several of our members. We don't have any of these guys in our club, do we?

LICENSE RENEWAL

Mac McGrew has just renewed his license but would not have had to hunt for a form 610, if he would have given me a copy of his license. Along with notification of license expiration, I also send along a form 610.

LARC HAMFEST

The 15th Annual Los Angeles Amateur radio convention, sponsored by the Lockheed Amateur Radio Club, will be held on May 17 and 18 from 9 AM to 4 PM. at 2814 Empire Ave., Burbank, Calif. Technical presentations start every hour on the hour, with a prize drawing held at the conclusion of each session. An Argonaut CW/SSB 10-80 meter xceiver is the preregistration prize. A smorgasbord will be held starting at 5:00 PM Sunday to conclude the convention. A wide assortment of indoor and outdoor displays will be shown along with a swap meet.

SEA REPORT

The SEA Club will circulate a flyer on the description of operation for each member club in the near future. The information will be used to describe each club during the new employee indoctrination process.

It is now OK to have advertizement in the club newsletters provided that they are related to the club activities.

The company insurance is in force when club members are participating in club sponsored activities on site or off site.

If the club desires for financial reasons, they may receive the full allotment once a year.

A picnic is being planned by the SEA Council for this September in Malibu.

"Vita" tickets will be on sale about June 19 by personnel services. Limited 2-4 tickets per employee.

Procedures were requested to enable expulsion of unruly members from the club membership.

73 Bill WA6QET

SANTA MARIA RADIO SWAPFEST JUNE 15, 1980 -- 10 am to 4 pm, Union Oil's Newlove Picnic Grounds, south of Santa Maria off U.S. 101, Adults \$7.00, Children 6-12 \$3.50, under 6 Free. Swap Tables, \$2.50 each (2' x 6'). BBQ served at 1 pm.